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Geographer of the United States
Department of State
Washington DC 20025

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Dear Sir:

Be it known that a new nation has been brought into existence by the will of the People: the Democratic Socialist People's Republic of Apartment 17J. The DSPR/17J hereby secedes from the State of New York and declares itself an autonomous, independent sovereign state comprising the territory of the smaller bedroom in the apartment located at the address below. Further developments and territorial claims may be forthcoming; as of this writing, InfoCor, the official news agency of the People, works to maintain an Internet site on which the latest information will be available.

Moreover, the DSPR/17J requests the official diplomatic recognition of the Government of the United States of America and conveys best wishes for a friendly and productive relationship between the two nations for many years to come.

Sincerely,


High Marshal of the People

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